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1. FOLLOWING IS THE ENGLISH TEXT, INCLUDING GRAMMATICAL
ERRORS, OF THE AUGUST 25 LETTER FROM PHAN HIEN TO
ASSISTANT SECRETARY HOLBROOKE, IN REPLY TO THE LATTER'S
LETTER OF JUNE 26. QUOTE

AUGUST 25 1977,

MR. ASSISTANT SECRETARY,

I HAVE RECEIVED YOUR LETTER DATED JUNE 26 1977.

AS YOU KNOW, OUR POSITION REGARDING THE NORMALI-
SATION OF RELATIONS BETWEEN VIET NAM AND THE UNITED
STATES HAS BEEN CLEARLY EMBODIED IN THE POINTS
EXPOUNDED AT THE MEETINGS EARLY LAST MAY AND JUNE. TO
OUR MIND, THE U.S. SIDE SHOULD REALLY SHOW AN ATTITUDE
OF GOODWILL IN RESPONSE TO OURS SO AS TO NORMALIZE THE
RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES ON THE SPIRIT OF
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EQUALITY AND MUTUAL BENEFIT.

WE TAKE NOTE THAT OF LATE THE UNITED STATES HAS
ADOPT A SOMEWHAT REALISTIC ATTITUDE REGARDING THE
ADMISSION OF THE SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF VIET NAM TO THE
UNITED NATIONS. IT SHOULD BE POINTED OUT HOWEVER THAT
THE UNITED STATES IS STILL REFUSING TO FULFILL ITS

OBLIGATION TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE HEALING OF THE WOUNDS OF WAR IN VIET NAM WHILE MORE AND MORE COUNTRIES ARE ASSISTING US AND INCREASING THE CONTRIBUTION TO THE ERADICATION OF THE SERIOUS AFTERMATHS OF THE WAR TO THE RECONSTRUCTION OF OUR COUNTRY. FOR OUR PART WE HAVE CONSTANTLY PROVED OUR GOODWILL BY PUTTING FORWARD A SATISFACTORY SOLUTION TO THE QUESTION OF GETTING INFORMATION ABOUT AMERICANS MISSING DURING THE WAR IN VIET NAM.

I SHARE YOUR VIEW THAT IN THE FEW MONTHS TO COME, NO MEETING IS POSSIBLE BECAUSE BOTH PARTIES ARE TAKEN UP BY OTHER WORK. WE SHALL ARRANGE OUR NEXT MEETING AT A MUTUALLY CONVENIENT TIME THROUGH THE EXISTING DIPLOMATIC CHANNEL.

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WITH BEST REGARDS.

PHAN HIEN
VICE MINISTER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS
SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF VIET NAM

MR. RICHARD HOLBROOKE
ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE
WASHINGTON, D.C.
U.S.A.
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2. DO THANH SAID HE ASSUMED THAT THE LETTER WAS WRITTEN FROM HANOI ALTHOUGH, UNLIKE PAST MESSAGES, IT WAS NOT SPECIFIED. DO THANH NOTED THAT PREVIOUSLY PHAN HIEN AND HOLBROOKE HAD SPOKEN OF JULY AND AUGUST AS DIFFICULT MONTHS TO MEET BECAUSE OF RESPECTIVE SCHEDULES, BUT HE HAD NO FURTHER INDICATIONS FROM HANOI AS TO WHY THE REPLY SHOULD BE FORTHCOMING JUST AS THE TWO MONTHS NOTED AS BUSY WERE DRAWING TO A CLOSE. HE SAID THAT HIS PREVIOUS SPECULATION THAT THE NEXT US/VN CONTACT MIGHT BE AT THE UNGA WAS MERELY HIS PERSONAL OPINION.

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3. ORIGINALS OF THE ENGLISH VERSION, THE VIETNAMESE VERSION, AND A COPY OF THE VIETNAMESE EMBASSY NOTE ARE BEING FORWARDED BY POUCH TO EA/VCL.
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